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WATCH FOR THE FACTS BLACK HISTORY SPECIAL NEXT WEEK

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK FEB. 9 -TO 15

The annual observance of Vocational Education Week will occur February 9-15 according to Art Brand of L.H. Bates Vocational Technical Institute. Open house at Bates is slated for the evening of February 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

VE Week is co-sponsored by the Coordinating Council for Occupational Education in cooperation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Council administers vocational education in Washington. Open house at Bates will feature open classrooms in the Trade, technical and industrial areas, as well as in the home and family life department. Also open to the public will be the business and office occupations areas.

The Bates Vocational-Technical Institute has become an important feature of the Tacoma educational scene and currently enrolls over 2,500 full-time students and an additional part-time enrollment of over ten thousand men and women.

The school was instituted in 1945 to help fill the need for welders in the local shipyards during World War II. Since then it has expanded to its present location covering a two-block area across from the County-City Building in downtown Tacoma. The school is one of the largest of its type in the West. Another purpose of the Open House is to give instructors and employers a chance to compare their views in their various trades.

Refreshments will be served in two student cafeterias. Anyone wishing more information is asked to call the school at 597-7200.

New Jobs Manager - No Stranger to Poor

New to the Pacific Northwest but not to the problems confronting the economically disadvantaged describes the new jobs manager of the National Alliance of Businessmen in Tacoma.

Gregory K. Pender, a native of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., was recently selected to his new position by Clarence A. Black, Tacoma N.A.B. Metro Chairman and Genevieve Tucker, Metro Director. The Metro includes 21 counties of South/Southwestern Washington.

The Alliance was organized in 1968 to secure jobs and job training for America's disadvantaged, Vietnam-era veterans, needy youth and ex-offenders. The Alliance's Metro offices in cities throughout the country are staffed by executives on loan from business, labor and government organizations.

He succeeds Vincent J. Lechman, who remains with the Tacoma Alliance staff to coordinate its public relations and ex-offender programs.

The new jobs manager, a graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton Va., feels that the sagging economy will pose the greatest obstacle to his objective of improving the job opportunities for persons meeting the Alliance criteria.

Attempting to prove flexible during the current labor market--when many businesses are laying off workers--Pender hopes to shift the Alliance job development emphasis into the service sector of private industry.

An increased effort is also underway, according to the job manager, to broaden employer knowledge of the benefits they and the trainee can receive when hiring the disadvantaged, the veteran, or the ex-offender.

Immediately prior to his selection as job manager, Pender worked in Alabama for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. As an assistant to the State Field Director, his duties included: investigating discrimination complaints, writing proposed poverty guidelines and the distribution of food stamps and clothing to the needy. He has also worked as a school social worker and as a job counselor with the Virginia Employment Commission.

The 28-year-old lists sports, reading and short story writing among his hobbies. He and his wife, Julieta, live in Tacoma.

Open House at Clover Park

"Take a Closer Look" is the theme and invitation to this year's Open House scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, at Clover Park Vocational-Technical Institute in Lakewood Center.

The annual event, open to the public, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. with the entire campus of the voc-tech school available to visitors.

Open House has been held for a number of years at Clover Park V-TI to acquaint the public with the program of career training...the "hands on" education which prepares individuals for a productive life in the world of work.

All 65 career programs will be open during the evening with students "doing their thing" for the benefit of visitors. Instructors and students will explain their course area and answer any questions.

Two special events will highlight this year's Open House on February 13.

First is a display of equipment built at Clover Park V-TI for the 1974 climb of Mt. McKinley in Alaska. Two members of the mountain party, Jerry Hasfjord and Dr. Larry Hagerness, will be present to show color slides of the successful mountain climb and to explain the special equipment.

Second special event will be movie short subjects and cartoons for youngsters. A continuous showing will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in Studio B of KPEC-TV, under the TV tower. Kiddies will also receive free popcorn.

One other special for the evening will be the vacation cabin which has been constructed by students in the Manufactured Housing course. The cabin has been located at the east end of the campus, near the Real Estate building.

In addition to these specials, refreshments will be served to visitors in the cafeteria of Building 2, the location of the Food Service Skills training program.

But tours of the entire 130-acre site will be conducted during the evening. Also, special information packets are being prepared for all visitors.

All ages are welcome to attend the Open House evening and to find out about live training, cooperative training, elective high school and adult evening courses.

Individuals driving autos to the Clover Park V-TI site on February 13 are asked to enter the grounds just east of Lakewood Fire Station on Steilacoom Blvd. S.W. at the flashing amber light. Cars will be directed to free parking areas. Amber lights will also be used to identify the main entrance of a complex of buildings where information and guides will be available.

Workshop on Equal Employment Completed

The Citizens Affirmative Action Council has just completed its workshop on equal employment and the handicapped. City Councilman, George Nalley was one of the participants. He spoke on new legislation that is before Congress and the Senate that concerns the handicapped.

Linda King of the Department of Human Development spoke on the problems that keep the handicapped from finding employment. She explained that one of their biggest problems is architectural barriers that prevent them from using building facilities or even gaining access to the building. Transportation problems also keep the handicapped from gaining employment.

Dean Martino, a volunteer with the Human Relations Commission pointed out that old images of the handicapped not being able to perform certain jobs is obsolete. He stated that there are now devises that allow a person in a wheel chair to be in an upright position, a blind person to read print, and a deaf person to use the telephone in certain instances.

If there are any questions please contact: Melody Olsen 383-1761.

Right On...

FROM THE

PUBLISHER'S PEN

I SHALL PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE THEREFORE ANY GOOD THAT I CAN DO OR ANY KINDNESS THAT I CAN SHOW LET ME DO IT NOW FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

by Fitzgerald Beaver
editor & publisher

January 15th has come and gone, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey received unanimous approval in the U.S. Senate to a resolution officially commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born 46 years ago on the above date.

President Gerald Ford was asked by the National Urban Affairs Council to issue an Executive Order designating January 15th a national holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader. A telegram was sent to the President on January 2nd but no order was forthcoming.

Persons of note gathered in Atlanta on January 13th at the historic Ebenezer Church where Martin, Jr. and his father co-pastored, to dramatize and document the continued need for the Voting Rights Act which is up for extension this year in the Congress.

The original act passed in 1965 will have to be extended this year if it's to remain in effect.

The significant Conference was called to save one of the greatest achievements of the movements led by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Who can forget the historic "March on Washington" in the fall of 1963?

This along with various other activities by Dr. King led to the passage of the original Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Those assembling in Atlanta on January 13th, are expected to spearhead efforts in the United States Congress to extend the portion of the Act which has led to the restoration of the voting rights to the minorities of the South.

They will be joined by members of the Black Caucus and other liberal Senators and Representatives in both houses of Congress to see that the Voting Act of 1965 does not die because the time has expired.

This would, indeed, be a great tradgedy and a disservice to the memory of the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This, in our opinion, is by far the most important action taken during the birthday celebration held in Atlanta or in other parts of the nation. What do you think?

City Provides Employment Opportunities for Senior Citizens

The Department of Human Development will be hiring three senior citizens (over 55 years of age) to teach art, crafts, and music in the senior citizen centers. These employees will work under contract with the City of Tacoma for one year. The pay will be $2.00 per hour for a maximum of ten hours a week. Anyone interested in applying for one of these three positions may pick up an application form from any one of the senior citizen centers or meal sites.

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Employee Of The Year

As the annual meeting draws near for Pierce County Employees Credit Union, Dolores Cheatham has enjoyed the year of 1974 as "Employee of the Year". She was honored to be chosen and receive her award at the annual meeting in February of 1974. She is employed as a Title Clerk at the Credit Union and has been there for 6 years.

She is a former Wave of the United States Navy and is presently a working wife, mother of two children and attending Tacoma Community College nights for a business degree. Most of all she enjoys her work with Eastside Baptist Church as the Choir Director.

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Lack of Early Filers Concerns IRS Official

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON--The Internal Revenue Service is concerned about the apparent lag in taxpayers filing 1974 Federal income tax returns early this year. IRS District Director Michael Sassi said here today that the number of persons filing early this year is down at least ten percent over the same period last year.

Sassi noted that "It is especially important this year that taxpayers get their returns in as early as possible." He said that the tax rebate plan proposed recently by President Ford would rely on the taxpayer having filed a return before any rebate could be issued.

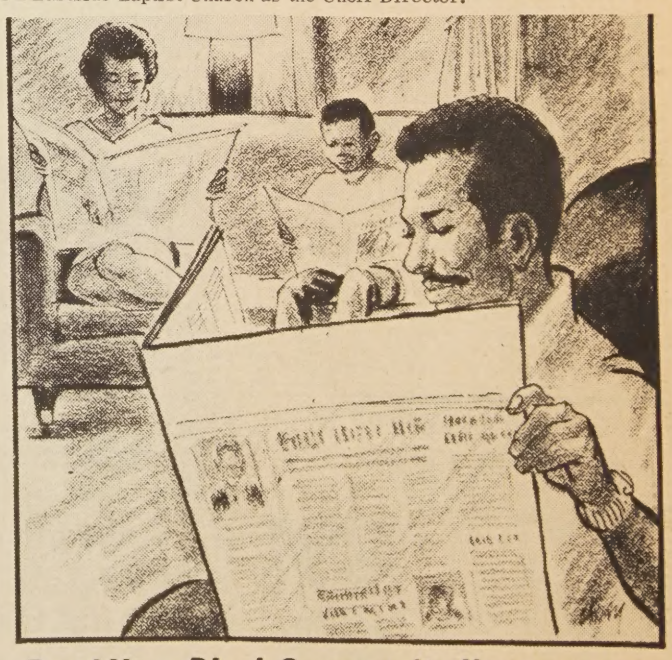
Sassi emphasized that the IRS is interested in getting regular refund checks back to taxpayers as quickly as possible and pointed out that a sizeable amount of money is expected to be in the hands of Washington residents as a result. "Last year, over a million taxpayers in Washington alone received a refund from the IRS," he pointed out. The IRS Director added, "Over $388 million was returned to Washington residents last year and I expect at least that much to come back again this year." The average refund last year amounted to nearly $375, according to IRS statistics.

The IRS Director also pointed out that there is no connection between the proposed rebate plan and regular income tax refunds. Said Sassi, "The President's proposal is based on computing rebates as a percentage of the tax paid for 1974 and has nothing whatsoever to do with the regular tax refunds."

Sassi explained that refunds are simply the returning of taxes withheld during the year which are in excess of the amount needed to satisfy the tax liability. In contrast, Sassi said rebates are part of a new program proposed by President Ford and requiring Congressional action before becoming law.

In talking about regular tax refunds, the IRS Director noted that persons who file their returns early in the year will receive their refund checks in about four or five weeks, while those who wait until nearer April 15th will have an eight-to-ten week wait.

In concluding his statement, Sassi emphasized that "all that refund money is just waiting to be claimed...the earlier you file your tax return, the quicker you'll get your refund check from us."



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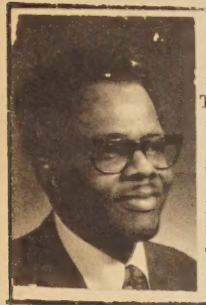

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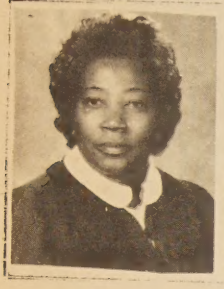

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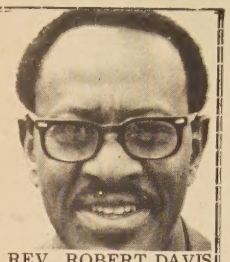

REV. ROBERT DAVIS
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CHURCH NEWS

TRAINING UNION TO PRESENT PROGRAM FOR BLACK HISTORY WEEK

Bethlehem Baptist Church Training Union will present a program in observance of Black History Week Sunday February 9th at 3:00. Music will be rendered by the church senior choir and junior choir.

The public is invited.

JOINT CELEBRATION OF FOUNDERS DAY & MISSIONARY CENTENNIAL

A joint celebration of Founders Day and Missionary Centennial will be observed at Allen A.M.E. Church on February 9, 1975. The day long celebration will begin with Mr. Otis Rollins, Sunday School Superintendent presiding. Youth Speaker will be Mr. Phillip Miner, Assistant Director of Admissions, Pacific Lutheran University.

At Morning Worship service, Dr. Eugene H. Breckenridge, Assistant Superintendent of Tacoma Schools will be the speaker, along with Mrs. Helen Stafford with notes on the Missionary Centennial. Music for this service will be the Youth Choir, Mrs. Frances Wilkinson, YPD Director.

Mrs. Geraldine Bright of Seattle will be the Speaker at 3:00 P.M. The program will close with a Centennial Tea. Co-Chairman for this Joint Celebration are Mr. Frank Wright and Mrs. Georgia Clayton, President of the Missionary Society. Everyone is invited.

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Due to the participation of many community-oriented people, the number of tutors at the Educational Opportunity and Resource Center has increased greatly in the past few weeks and matchups with students needing help have been fairly consistent. Most requests for tutoring have been in the basic skills area but the need for some diversification is now becoming apparent. If you can volunteer some of your time to tutor someone in the arts and crafts (Leatherwork, Oil Painting, etc.), please contact the EORC at 572-5960. If you care to stop by and see the staff and facilities, our address is 515 South M Street. Looking forward to seeing you.

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NAACP 1974
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NEW YORK—Executive Director Roy Wilkins presented a somber but overall successful report to the annual meeting of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

Wilkins declared that memberships had increased in 1974 to 440,000, which was about 35,000 more than in the previous year.

The financial picture for the civil rights organization also was sound, he said. The gross NAACP income, outside of the Special Contribution Fund, he said, was $1,741,886, an increase of nearly $100,000 over a year ago. When balanced against expenses during that period he said, the deficit came to only $3,298.

Additional income from non-tax deductible sources came to $277,233. These funds were in the form of grants from the Depts. of the Army and Health, Education and Welfare for ROTC recruitment and adoption programs, respectively.

In view of these factors, and in light of the continuing strength of the NAACP's civil right programs, Wilkins felt that 1971 was a good year for the organization. Two activities that kept the NAACP in the national spotlight for most of the year were the Detroit and Boston school desegregation cases.

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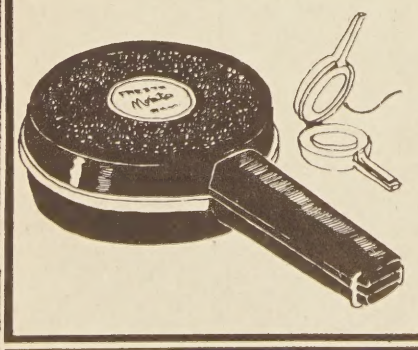

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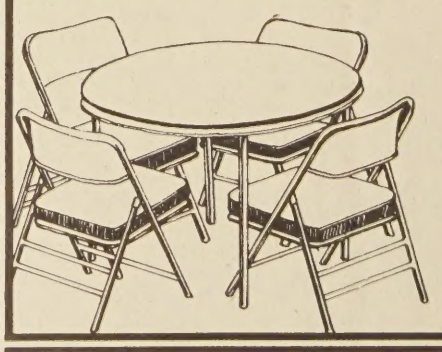

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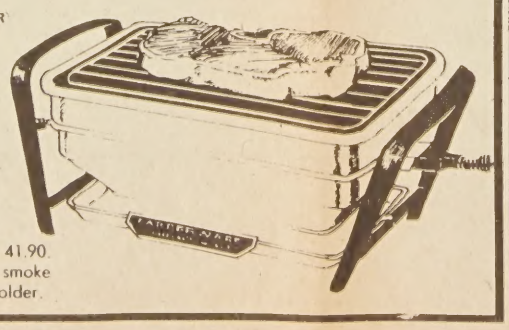

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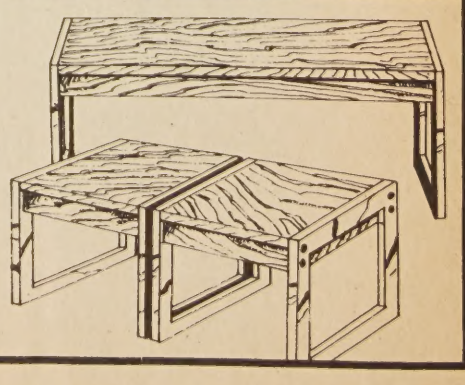

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Something To Think About

BY Barbara Henderson

When someone talks to you, do you really listen to what they have to say or do you sub-consciously listen to them? Some people are even afraid to talk because no one really pays attention. People have been talking for years - but who listens? The preacher gives a message every Sunday - but who listens? I'm sure that many listen but who responds?

When you see an associate on the street, what do you say - most likely - "Hello, how are you?" Right. What does he say "fine" and then you both continue about your own business. But really deep inside he felt miserable. He didn't share his feelings for fear that the man would think he was trying to make him feel sorry for him, self-pity. This needs to stop. Someone out there cares about you and how you feel.

So next time someone talks to you, regardless of who it is - give them your ears, as well as your heart and understand, as well as listen. Because after all, everyone needs to be listened to. Think about it.

Please write to me, in care of the Tacoma FACTS.

Triple - Troubled Parolee

'he/she that is without
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the first stone' _____J.C.

André Young
(Mr. Imara)

I would like to exclaim to you what it means to be a "modern day slave." In no way am I saying that there aren't other present day slaves, for they are many and varied. However the ones I am referring to are incarcerated in the jails and prisons of Amerika. There are as many as 750,000 black people locked up throughout these United States.

They learn, because their predicament forces them to be, as mean as tiger's and tough as steel. All of them are without a doubt political prisoners.

Their insides aren't like the "normal" John Doe or Jane Doe. Feelings are a snare and a hassle for a parolee. They must be devoid of feelings while in maximum security (prison) and minimum security (streets and home). . . Heaven modification?

There are approximately 30,000 known modern day slaves i.e. parolees, probationers existing throughout the state of Washington. Many are your neighbors in one capacity or another, others exist as husbands and wives trying to make it along the "tight-rope" of life. Certainly everybody has troubles, but when you are a parolee or a probationer you are in triple trouble: socially, economically and politically an outcast, and if you happen to be black you are indeed in triple-trouble.

They i.e. parolees have to be exceptional persons and the black ones have to be virtual superpersons to even be alive. What with having lived in the depths of hell (prison), however else can such a person be but torked of mind and spirit.

No life could be as horrible as a parolees. It's worse than purgatory and no better than hell. For there is always the real threat of losing ones most prized possession: Freedom! A parolees life is one of constant uncertainty of reproof and correction. Their names continue to be synonymous with "repile or dog" or just a number.

The black parolee exist in a no man's land and she or he has no options, no place to go nor place to turn because nobody will let them. He is blocked at every conceivable turn made, barring none, jumping through the social, economic and political hoops set out before them. There is no end to the misery a parolee faces.

The things herein said are only one man's opinion of the rigors of life as a parolee. There are other opinions. In my next feature I'll expound upon the plight of black women in prison and why black men in prison and have the white women on the "streets."... as opposed to having black ones.

Black Forum News

by Elton Gatewood

The Black Forum conducted a brief but informative meeting. The area of greatest concern was the proposal for working with the "Save the Children Task Force". Among some of the suggestions were: A dance for the youth of the community on March 22nd, more details will be given later, video-taping of all youth activities, developing an award program for youth who have made outstanding contributions in the community, and assisting the youth with community projects. The community has a 24 piece Girls Drill Team who are seeking support in securing uniforms, persons interested in providing support in any way, may contact members of the Black Forum. A report of the financial committee revealed that we should focus attention on a fund raising project to support our community proposals. Virginia Taylor was selected as the new Treasurer, Elton Gatewood and Andre Young as co-signers. CONGRATULATION Carl Brown, Bill Gilven and Carol Hunter were appointed to the Human Relation Commission.

The Puget Sound Chapter of the Southern University Alumni Association invites the general public to a Champagne Sip on Friday, February 14 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Roosevelt Motor Hotel, 7th and Pine, in the Vashon Room. The affair will benefit the Southern University Scholarship Fund. There is a donation of $3.00 per person. For tickets call 723-8006 or any alumni member.

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Letter to Editor

(In response to "Message to the Black Woman")

Andre Young, I love you, and any other black man who hasn't given up on his follower...the black woman, "Queen-Mother, beginner and giver of life and provided of mankind's life-blood" for I certainly agree that "I am you. You are me."

Sisters, I think it's past time that we let our men be manly for they are naturally able to protect and provide us with our basic needs with little effort and very willing to do so if we would just capitalize on our womanly charm, but instead we continue to do fo ourselves and lose our true womanhood and our men. A man admires an independent, capable, efficient, aggressive woman as he would another man! Seems to me that no matter how much we can do for ourselves the feeling and satisfaction couldn't be greater than if your men provided it for us. They'd love us more for allowing them to care for us. That would give us all the more reason to admire them.

Sisters, I understand that situations do vary, but please if possible let's trade in our pants again for skirts so as not to lose track of our womanly powers. Let's let our black Kings continue to love their black Queens.

May I share this poem with you, my sisters, that I wrote for my black King, who is bettering our lives together because I trust I am doing my womanly thing.

ADMIRATION FOR ABY

When I'm not so busy with "me"
I better appreciate you, my man.

When my mind is free,
I can see and continue to understand
More clearly your manly courage
And your unyielding steadfastness
To your convictions.

I am just a woman who,
Who is re-discovering herself.
Thus better, with your support
And guidance, able to enjoy being
Your woman and freeing your soul
To enable you to be
My manly man.

RENEE

40 Per Cent Of Adults Go to Church

Princeton, N..J

Churchgoing in the U.S. in 1974 remained at the same level as in the hree previous vears, with 40 oer cent of adults attending church or synagogue in a typical week of the current year, according to the Gallup Poll.

Between 1958, when a high point in the 20-year record of U.S. church attendance was registered, and 1971, national attendance slipped nine percentage Qoints. Since 1971, however, the percentage has remained constant at 40 per cent.

Not onlv has church attendance for the nation as a whole remained fairly constant since 1971, but it has shown little change in terms of attendance among both Protestants and Catholics.

Looking back a decade, however, the percentage of Catholics who attend church is down 16 uoints since 1964.

Virtually no change has come about over the last decade in Protestant attendance, while attendance among Jews at synagogue has remained about the same, with 16 Wer cent having attended in a typical week of 1974, compared to 17 oer cent a-decade earlier.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPEMENT (HUD)

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		TACOMA									
(26)	207856	1/10/75	2109 60th E.	*18,250	17,700	7	4	1	0	irreg.	429.34
(17)	188392	1/10/75	2012 E. Gregory	16,750	16,200	4	2	1	0	75x115	-
(1)	222138***	1/3/75	808 S. 40th St.	17,500	16,950	6	4	1	1	100 38x70	375.00
(1)	213100***	1/14/75	830 S. Sprague	**16,000	15,500	6	3	1½	0	37½x117	192.35
(39)	211447***	1/14/75	3610 S. Asotin	**14,950	14,500	4	2	1	0	46x107	225.00
(36)	172315***	1/14/75	3529 E. Roosevelt	14,250	13,800	4	2	1	0	65x75	230.18
(25)	241047***	1/10/75	1736 S. Ainsworth	**16,000	15,500	5	3	1	0	37½x130	192.35
NOTE: Dry basement excluded from warranty.											
(2)	232434	1/10/75	2550 S. "J" St.	20,950	20,300	6	4	1	0	48x145	509.47

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		TACOMA				
081979		10/9/74	1128 N. Oakes	**7,950	37½x100	-
186539		10/2/74	7045 S. Oakes	3,200	62½x120	341.00
211737		10/2/74	8640 S. Yakima	3,000	irreg.	225.00

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		TACOMA				
(1)	198200	11/20/74	1611 S. Hosmer	**1,750	100x130	
(1)	107898	11/27/74	836 S. Sprague	**1,000	50x117	163.00(74)
(6)	171618	11/27/74	1602 S. Proctor	2,000	50x120	-
(5)	837123	11/6/74	1741 S. Oakes	**600.00	37x140	-
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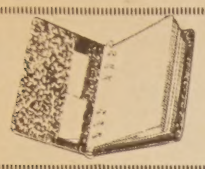

Sports Record Book

by Brian Jaybush

HOPE?

A few weeks ago, Sportsweek Magazine's cover asked us the question: Is This The Year The Sonics Will Go To The Playoffs? At that point in time, Russell's Raiders (or Bill's Brigade?) sported an 8-4 record, the the third of fourth best in the NBA.

Since then, the bottom has nearly fallen out of the Supers market, if you'll excuse the pun. Losses have piled on losses, until Seattle finds itself (as this is written Feb. 4) with a mere 25-26 record, far from the league's best.

But that record is good enough to hold down second place in the Pacific Division, 2 1/2 games up on Portland--and a mere 5 1/2 behind what used to be the hottest team in the league, Golden State.

The Warriors have cooled off, but it seems as though the Sonics may have caught some of their fire. Missing Spencer Haywood (out with horrible nasties in his lungs called pneumonia germs), missing John Hummer (recovering from surgery), and missing, on a day-to-day basis, the likes of Leonard Gray and various other players, Seattle never-the-less managed to, within a seven-day period,

(1) Best Cleveland, at Cleveland; (2) beat Phoenix, at Phoenix; (3) come from 24 points down to knock off Portland, here in Seattle, then (4) come from 12 points down the next night in Portland to again down the Blazers; and (5) beat Los Angeles in Los Angeles--for only the second time in the history of the franchise that's been accomplished.

That reads five wins in a row in seven days--four of them on the raod, where Seattle's record is now 13-15, best in franchise history. And all of them accomplished, as mentioned, without the Sonics leading scorer, Spencer Haywood.

Can the fire continue to burn hot? Will the SuperSonics take off on a column of flames--or crash in flames?

Between the time this is written and when you're reading it, we may know more. Haywood was scheduled to return in time for at least one of the games against Phoenix Wednesday and Thursday; and if the Sonics can split or (dare we hope?) sweep that series, it just may be an indication of good things to come.

Those games against Phoenix are crucial, not just from the standpoint that all games are crucial now, but moreso because Phoenix is in the same Pacific Division with Seattle--and the teams in their own division are the ones the Sonics MUST beat if they are to be playoff bound. They did themselves well in that five-win stretch--beating Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Portland twice. If they can keep it up, there is hope.

Now, that's a lot of if's, and maybe it's still too early to be springing them on you. But here's one more--if the Sonics don't make their move now, it'll be just too late.

Let's hope.

Ringside Northwest

by Joe West

Let's go to The FIGHTS

SEALES vs NIXON

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

SEATTLE CENTER ARENA — 8:00 PM

Hi Boxing Fans --- It's only one week until the big fight here and I hope that most of you have bought your tickets. If not hurry down because the good ones are going fast. I have some left that are the best in the building so see me if you want a good one.

Last week I told you about FRASER SCOTT's book and told you I would give you a rundown on it. Believe me when I tell you that it is a good story. It gives you some of the inner workings of the boxing game and at the same time gives you a nice story. The young man has talent, he was a good fighter, a good painter and a good story teller... like the old saying, "but it, you'll like it."

MIKE NIXON got in town today and will start working out at the IMPERIAL GYM, along with TOMMY HOWARD and some of the other fighters that will be on the card. Come on down and watch the workouts. TOMMY HOWARD gets back in town today after working with RAY LAMPKIN for the past three weeks and you know he is in shape and will give you fans a good fight, but of course he always gives you that. I understand that RAY LAMPKIN has a title fight for March and I guess that TOMMY will go to PANAMA with him. If we do not have a fight lined up for him, and we may have that, the makings are in the wind. I may have news about that next week, it all depends on what happends next Tuesday night so you know this could be a very important fight for TOMMY.

Last week I meant to write about a man that has passed away and really could not get with it as it was a real shock to me when he died. I'm talking about "Josh" Green. Yes that's what most of his friends called him and he was the kind of man that really didn't care what people called him because most of all he was a man, and he stood tall in my book. Yes I knew MR. GREEN well. He was a good fight fan, and all of shows that I put on he was the man that bought the first tickets from me. I still have one check that he gave me from the last fight I promoted. At the time he gave me the check I laughed and told him I would never cash it because I wanted his bookkeeper to go crazy trying to find out if it had been cashed. He laughed and said, "Fine. Them if I ever get broke I know where I can get a few dollars", and you know what? If that time has ever come he was right. I'll treasure that check and believe me it never will be cashed. At some time every one must say goodbye to someone and it's double hard when they are your friend. So instead of saying goodb6 I'll say if there is a better world I know he had a helluva good trip getting there. So long old friend. More next week -- CI BON.

Heavies Added to Seales - Nixon Card Feb. 11

by "Crazy" George Yelton, Promoter

Ibar Arrington "whipped" Hobo Wiler in an earlier bout. Hobo claims he took the fight on short notice, he was not ready and was overweight. His pride seems to be hurt. Every night you will find him at the Eagles Gym, skipping rope, shadow boxing, sweating, and telling everyone "I'll come in at 195 lbs. (down from 212 lbs.) and I'm going to show that Swabbie how to fight."

Dale Edward Arrington who fights under the ring name of "Ibar" is a Seaman in the Navy aboard the USS Chandler. In 1974 Ibar won the all Navy Championship, winning 23 and losing 7 as an amateur. A rookie in the Pro ranks, he has never been off his feet and appears to be the man with the "Iron Jaw". It should be an exciting slam, bang, crowd pleasing 6 round test for the heavies.

The February 11th "card" at the Seattle Center Arena could be the best yet. The 10 round main, Olympic Gold Metal winner "Sugar" Ray Seales against "Mean" Mike Nixon who hasn't lost a fight in two years.

Seattles, exciting Tommy Howard pitted against John Pinedo of Medesto Calif., who showed he could punch his last outing in the Northwest scoring a 4th round T.K.O. over Mike Lamphere of Tacoma.

The Heavies, Hobo and Ibar set to go "six" in what appears to have all the qualities of a good street fight (they are not buddies).

Rounding out the evening will be a kick boxing (Thai-boxing) exhibition. Kick boxing is a new sport in the States. (Your promoter attended the Kick boxing Championships Wed. night) its different and will be an interesting part of the show. A four or six round opener is still in the "matching stages".

Seattle based Sugar Ray is working out daily at either the Eagles or the Imperial Gyms. Usually sparring with two or three fighters.

Interest is high for this one and tickets are going fast.

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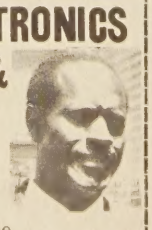

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February 5, 1975

Sealed bids will be received by the Washington State Highway Commission, at District #3, Department of Highways, Tumwater, Washington on Thursday February 27, 1975 until 3:00 P.M. and will then and there be opened and publicly read for the construction of the improvement listed below. This is a District Three Contract.

Bid proposals delivered in person will be received only at the Department of Highways Reception Desk located in the foyer of the District Office Building, 5720 Capitol Blvd., Tumwater, Washington.

Mailed proposals shall be addressed to Post Office Box 327, Olympia, Washington 98504.

Special prequalification will be required for those bidders not currently prequalified under standard prequalification. The Special Limited Questionnaire, included with each set of plans must be completed and furnished to the District Engineer, District 3, Department of Highways by no later than 12:00 Noon on February 19, 1975. Proposals will be mailed no later than February 21, 1975, to those who are prequalified.

This project is advertised in order to enable small businesses and minority contractors to effectively compete for Highway Department contracts.

Prequalification forms, maps, plans and specifications may be obtained from the District 3 office upon written request therefor and payment to the State Treasurer, Department of Highways, by cash, check or money order in the amount set forth below for each copy of such maps, plans and specifications.

Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications are on file in the Office of the County Engineer of the County in which the work is situated, the Chapter Offices of the Associated General Contractors of America in Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, the offices of the District Engineers of the Department of Highways, Districts 1,3,4, and 7, and the offices of the Minority Contractor Associations in Tacoma and Seattle, where they may be inspected. Plans furnished for the plan fee are 12" x 18".

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